



# PRESIDENT TAFT SHIPPING AFOOT

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## JOSTLED BY THE SIDEWALK CROWDS

The President for an Hour and a Half Wandered from Shop to Shop, Being Recognized by But Few—Laughingly Returns Salutation of Merry Bibulous Party who had Just Emerged from a Hotel Entrance.

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Taft went shopping afoot this afternoon, playing Santa Claus in open fashion. He wandered from shop to shop, taking a hearty interest in the store windows, and good naturedly returning the jostling of the crowds which jammed the sidewalks. Capt. Archibald Butt, his military aide, walked with him, but immediately behind trailed two vigilant secret service men. After nearly an hour and a half's walk, the presidential party returned to the White House.

**Few Recognized the President.**  
A remarkable feature of Mr. Taft's trip was the small number who recognized him. To such as did realize that the president of the United States was abroad he raised his hat in return to their salutations, but he was not forced to do this more than a dozen times during the stroll.

The president left the executive offices at 4 o'clock and walked down Pennsylvania avenue to a jewelry shop. Here he remained some little time, selecting a present for Mrs. Taft and his daughter, Miss Helen. He next walked over to a leather establishment on "F" street, where, Captain Butt halted Mr. Taft on the walk before the broad display window. "That's just the thing," he exclaimed, pointing with his walking stick to an elaborate traveling bag of Russia leather, which was spread to the gaze of the onlookers. "You're right!" exclaimed the president, moving the officer ahead of him, and saying, "Let's get a closer view."

**Commotion in Crowded Store.**  
There was a commotion in the crowded store when the president and his party entered. They remained nearly a quarter-hour, going from store to a well-known book dealer's establishment, where Mr. Taft purchased a number of volumes. One of the volumes, which he turned over to Captain Butt, was "Here, Butt, you take care of this," he said, smiling. "I've got all I can do to take care of myself."

**Many Christmas, Miser President.**  
As the president passed a hotel on Fifteenth street the pinwheel door to the bar spun merrily. Four bibulous celebrants of the holiday season emerged. They gazed the sidewalk, laughing immoderately and effusively, wishing each other the compliments of the season, when one spied the president.

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The All Around the Town  
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By Scarlet Fever Outbreak.  
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# Cabled Paragraphs

Helmsfors, Finland, Dec. 24.—The Russian military authorities are taking great precautions to prevent a possible revolt in Finland.

Peking, Dec. 24.—It is understood that China is preparing formally to protest against the alleged violation during the past year of the Manchurian telegraph convention of 1908.

Oporto, Portugal, Dec. 24.—A heavy wind storm, accompanied by a tremendous rainfall, did much damage in Oporto today. The city was inundated and the entire city is in darkness tonight.

San Juan, P. R., Dec. 24.—News brought from Santo Domingo by persons arriving here tells of bloody battles between the government and revolutionists in the mountains of the island, in which the former suffered defeat.

Madrid, Dec. 24.—Heavy rains near the Portuguese frontier have caused the destruction of the bridge which has assumed the proportions of a catastrophe. At Ciudad Rodrigo at least 100 persons were killed and many houses are homeless. Some fifty houses have collapsed, and many others are submerged.

Paris, Dec. 24.—All northwest Europe was swept by destructive storms and floods today. In southeast France great numbers of houses were demolished and lines of communication were interrupted. Belgium suffered heavily from wind and rain, many factories being forced to close down on account of inundations.

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**Dr. Cook Dropped Ex-Pres. Zelaya From the Rolls**  
FOR FRAUD PRACTICED ON MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC.  
LEAVES THE CAPITAL UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS.  
ACTION OF EXPLORERS' CLUB SURROUNDED BY BODYGUARD

The Doctor's Claim That He Reached Mount McKinley Summit Rejected by Club as Unworthy of Credence.  
New York, Dec. 24.—The board of directors of the Explorers' club met today in executive session and, standing in silence, voted with bowed heads that Dr. Frederick A. Cook be dropped from the rolls of the club, and his name be removed from the capital and the public. Coming hard upon the heels of the crushing verdict lately rendered by the university of Copenhagen, the action of the Explorers' club today is the result of independent investigations which in no way touch upon the polar controversy and the fact that Dr. Cook's claim to have reached the summit of Mount McKinley is a fraud.

**It's good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mightiest founder was a child himself.—Dickens.**  
DAY of respite, this; A day of purest bliss Wherein in love to plan Good-will to Man.  
FESTIVAL of Joys Wherein no thing annoys; A time of cheer and mirth, And Peace on Earth.  
TIME for smiles and play, And yet withal a day For thoughtful deeds, and good, Of Brotherhood.  
DAY for sunny rifts, A day for loving gifts, For kindness bounteous God gave it us.

# Condensed Telegrams

Lieut. C. R. Train was assigned to command the presidential yacht Sybil.

The Write for the General parliamentary election in England will be issued Jan. 10.

One Man Was Killed and several injured in a fire in a moving picture theater in Pittsburgh.

The Big Battleship Utah, the latest of the Dreadnaught type, was launched at Camden, N. J.

The Pope received the members of the several colleges who presented their Christmas greetings.

The Appeal of the Government in the Sugar Trust cases was docketed in the United States supreme court.

Twenty-eight Hungarian and Croatian laborers, whose destination was New York, were ordered deported.

Thomas B. Flynn of Elkton, Va., said to be a vaudeville actor, died in a hospital in Philadelphia from gas asphyxiation.

Captain Usher of the bureau of navigation made a statement with reference to officers and men needed for the navy.

Canada Has Bought from the British government the cruiser Rainbow, which will be the first warship of the new Canadian navy.

Emperor Francis Joseph has appointed Dr. Ladislav von Lugos as premier of Hungary, and the latter will endeavor to form a cabinet.

The Water Supply of Atlantic City was cut off by a fire at the pumping station. Fire engines pumped water into the mains, thus preventing a famine.

The Allen Line Steamer Corinthian, which went ashore on Georges Island in Halifax harbor, last Saturday night in order to clear an incoming vessel, was floated.

The Military League of Greece, whose members were the authors of the recent revolutionary movement, have announced their intention to overthrow the ministry of its own choosing.

Mrs. William G. Rockefeller was an unhappy Santa Claus when her chauffeur was arrested for speeding and she had to spend half an hour in court while the police guarded her.

The French Court Decided in favor of the Barneuve Vaughan, the morning wife of the late King Leopold, as ordered the removal of the seals placed upon her property at Ballincourt, France.

It is Now Reported that Dr. Cook hired a Danish newspaper man to write his account of his polar expedition. Cook's brother in New York says he fears the doctor has met with foul play in Europe.

W. GOULD BROKAW WILLING TO TAKE HIS WIFE BACK.  
Her Counsel Sneers at Husband's Offer of Reconciliation.  
New York, Dec. 24.—One week of happiness in two years of married life for W. Gould Brokaw could get out of the hands of his wife, who is willing to take him back, but she is not willing to take him back.

At the resumption of hearings today Brokaw was asked to describe the single week of wedded bliss he would allow. He was asked to meet her and for a week she was very loving and affectionate. Everything was lovely.

Washington Officials Smile Blandly.  
Washington, Dec. 24.—The news of the resignation of Secretary Knox to the Nicaragua government, which was no longer to be a resignation, but a permanent removal, was received with a smile by the officials.

\$100,000 Fire at Vermont State Hospital for the Insane.  
Waterbury, Vt., Dec. 24.—Destruction of the entire plant of the Vermont state hospital for the insane here was narrowly averted today when three wards were destroyed by a fire at a loss which will approach \$100,000. The 100 patients of the hospital were safely removed. The fire started from an unknown cause. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

Missing Demented Boy Found.  
Chicago, Dec. 24.—Arthur Marchand, a demented boy, whose disappearance from the Elgin insane asylum aroused suspicion that he had died and his body had been buried, was found in the Newberry, Ill., insane asylum. Governor Deneen ordered a national search made for the boy to dispel the accusations made by his parents. He will be returned to the Elgin asylum from which he escaped.

Will of Ella Mooney Probed.  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The will of Ella Mooney of Red Hook, N. Y., daughter of artist Edward Mooney, who died some years ago, was filed for probate today. The estate is estimated at \$150,000, and among the bequests is one of \$15,000 to the National Academy of Design in New York.

# TRAGIC DEATH OF JEAN CLEMENS

Youngest Daughter of "Mark Twain," at Stormfield, the Country Home of the Humorist

## BODY FOUND BY MAID IN BATHTUB

Miss Clemens, who was About 30 Years of Age, had been Subject to Epilepsy Since Girlhood—Body to be Sent to Elmira, N. Y., where the Funeral will be held Tomorrow Afternoon from Uncle's Residence.

Redding, Conn., Dec. 24.—Mark Twain's invalid daughter, Jean, met death tragically this morning while at the bath, bringing poignant grief at Christmas time to Stormfield, the country home of the great American humorist. She was his youngest daughter, endeared to him not only by her beauty, but by her gentle health, caused by recurrent attacks of epilepsy. Her death leaves Dr. Clemens without kin in this country to share his sorrow. His surviving daughter, Clara, recently married to Gahrlovitch, the Russian pianist, is now on her way to Europe.

**Aged Father Bearing Up Bravely.**  
With characteristic philosophy, Mark Twain is bearing up bravely in his time of grief. Hundreds of messages of condolence are arriving from throughout this country and abroad. Death had taken from him his wife and his daughter Susan.

**Death Not Due Directly to Drowning.**  
Jean Clemens died not directly from drowning, as was at first supposed, but more probably of strangulation, due to an attack of epilepsy or from heart failure. The body was found in a bathtub with the head only partly submerged, and medical examination showed tonight that the lungs contained very little water.

**Maid Discovered Dead Body.**  
Miss Clemens had evinced physical weakness of late, probably induced by the extreme excitement incident to her sister's departure to Europe and the recent return of her father from Bermuda. But yesterday afternoon, she rode her favorite horse to the post-office to get the early Christmas mail, and last night she cheerfully prepared a Christmas tree, from which she had planned to distribute gifts tomorrow morning.

**Funeral Sunday.**  
The body will be sent to Elmira, N. Y., for interment, where the funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon from the residence of Charles J. Langdon, an uncle.

Notwithstanding his great grief, it was said tonight that Mr. Clemens will not be able to leave here for the funeral. He is now 74 years old, and his physicians discourage the unusual fatigue he would necessarily undergo on such a journey. For the present he will remain at Stormfield.

**THREE SISTERS RECOMMENDED TO THE TOMBS FOR 30 DAYS**  
Pending Extradition to New Jersey—Murder of Okey Snead.  
New York, Dec. 24.—Gruesome phraseology in the indictments against three women, charged with the murder of Okey Snead, was made public today on the arraignment of Mrs. Caroline W. Martin, the victim's mother, and Mrs. Mary Snead, an aunt. In the Tombs police court, when they were recommended to the Tombs for thirty days, pending extradition to New Jersey, the indictments against both of them charged that they had taken the "sawdust Okey Snead" with both hands and cast, throw, or let him have been barred from the White House grounds by Capt. Archibald Butt, the president's military aide, who also arbitrates the disputes of those who aspire to feed the president.

**Taft's Long Lost Pie**  
ARRIVES ON AUTO TRUCK.  
Will Be Served at White House Christmas Dinner.  
Washington, Dec. 24.—The long lost pie that did not get to the Thanksgiving dinner arrived tonight and will be served on the White House table tomorrow.

**BEGGAR GIRL RANG ROCKEFELLER'S DOORBELL**  
Determined by the Butler and Turned Over to the Children's Society.  
New York, Dec. 24.—A 12 year old Armenian girl rang the doorbell and sought alms at John D. Rockefeller's town house tonight. She was detained by the butler, who presented her to the police, and turned over to the Children's society, where she will be held pending arraignment on Monday.

**Special Christmas Entertainments for Soldiers in Forts About New York.**  
New York, Dec. 24.—Special Christmas entertainments will be provided for the many soldiers in the five forts around New York. The army branch of the Y. M. C. A. has furnished and decorated Christmas trees at each fort, and appropriate gifts will be distributed.

**Locomotive Boiler Exploded, Five Men Killed, 17 Injured.**  
Shawnee, Okla., Dec. 31.—Five workmen, it is believed, were killed and 17 others were injured by the explosion today of a locomotive boiler, which wrecked the repair shop of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad.

**Ship Subsidy Bill in Sight.**  
Washington, Dec. 24.—A ship subsidy bill which can pass congress and meet the approval of the president seems to be in sight. Today Congressmen Humphrey of Washington, with the members of the merchant marine of the house, visited President Taft and laid before him the bill introduced at the last session with amendments which have since been made. The amended bill met the approval of the president, it is said.

**George S. Hart & Co. Bankrupt.**  
New York, Dec. 24.—George S. Hart & Co., one of the largest dealers in butter and cheese in the city, made an assignment today to a local creditor in "Lucia," resulting in the money being refunded to the next holders and the performance being cancelled.

**Steamship Arrivals.**  
At Genoa, Dec. 20: America, from New York via Naples, 21, Louisiana, from New York via Naples.  
At Naples, Dec. 21: Regina D'Italia, from New York.  
At Genoa, Dec. 23: Verona, from New York.  
At Antwerp, Dec. 24: Lapland, from New York via Dover.  
At Liverpool, Dec. 24: Friesland, from Philadelphia, via Queenstown.  
At Havre, Dec. 24: La Lorraine, from New York.  
At Southampton: Dec. 24, Majestic, from New York.  
At New York, Dec. 24: Minnetonka, from London.

**Opera Singer Mmes. Tetrazzini Ill.**  
Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—The illness of Mmes. Tetrazzini of the Manhattan Opera company, who was scheduled tonight to sing the leading part in "Lucia," resulted in the money being refunded to the next holders and the performance being cancelled.

**Secretary Dickinson to Tour Porto Rico.**  
San Juan, P. R., Dec. 24.—Governor Colton announced today that Secretary Dickinson will arrive here January 24 for a tour of one week, during which he will make a tour of the island, review the Porto Rico regiments, and be the guest of honor at banquets to be given by the government.

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Hamilton, O., Dec. 24.—While driving home in a covered wagon with Christmas gifts for their nine children, William Payne and his wife Mary were killed by a traction car today.

**Second Will of George Rhodius to Be Filed for Probate.**  
Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 24.—A second will of George Rhodius, which instead of giving \$150,000 to the city of Indianapolis for parks, as did his first will, leave the greater part of his \$500,000 estate to a woman known as Elma Davis, or Doddworth, will be filed for probate within a few days, according to a public announcement of her attorneys today.

**Fatally Injured in Runaway.**  
New York, Dec. 24.—Tracy Gorman, a well known horseman and a porter familiarly known as "Joe," were fatally injured in a runaway in Harlem today. Gorman was driving a pair of thoroughbreds, which ran away, throwing him to the street. The porter, who attempted to stop them, was knocked down.

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